The Honorable Michael K. Powell Chairman Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Powell:

Please do NOT approve the merger between Echostar and DirectTV. This promotes a monopolostic advantage that is not in the consumers best interest. I live in an area where the cable company has a monopoly, I chose satelite TV because there were TWO companies offering this service. In some rural area cable is not available therefore there is NO choice for a consumer. This is not in the best interest of the American public.

Sincerely,

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